

REMARKS

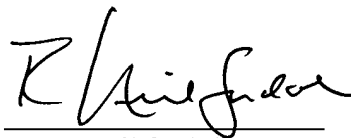
Claims 1-43 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 24 are the only independent claims.

The present amendment is submitted to remove an extraneous limitation from claim 1 to possibly broaden the scope thereof.

Should the Examiner believe that direct contact with applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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